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1. USING DISCRETION AUTHORIZED IN REFTTEL, AMBASSADOR HAS MADE MINOR MODIFICATIONS IN AFTER-DINNER ADDRESS HE WILL READ AT NOBEL DINNER, WHICH BEGINS AT 8:00 P.M. DECEMBER 10 AT GRAND HOTEL. EMBASSY IS RELEASING TEXT WITH EMBARGO OF 9 P.M. OSLO TIME (2000 GMT).

2. TEXT AS IT WILL BE GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT.

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE NOBEL COMMITTEE,
YOUR EXCELLENCIES,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU, MR. INGVALDSEN--ON BEHALF OF
HENRY KISSINGER--FOR THE TRIBUTE YOU HAVE PAID TO HIS EFFORTS
IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE.

THIS SEARCH--AT LEAST IN OUR TIME--IS A NEVER-ENDING

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*, A FACT UNDERSCORED BY DR. KISSINGER'S ABSENCE FROM OSLO
THIS EVENING. HIS CONTINUING ODYSSEY IN SEARCH FOR WAYS TO

RESOLVE THE CONFLICTS PLAGUING OUR WORLD TODAY HAS PREVENTED HIM FROM PERSONALLY ACCEPTING THIS GREAT AWARD. HE HAS ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO THE NOBEL COMMITTEE HIS DEEP REGRET THAT HE COULD NOT BE HERE AMONG*US TO THANK YOU FOR THE WORLD-RENOWNED HONOR YOU HAVE BESTOWED UPON HIM AND FOR THE HIGH TRIBUTE YOU HAVE OFFERED IN THIS CEREMONIAL DINNER. AS DR. KISSINGER HAS ALREADY INFORMED THE NOBEL COMMITTEE, HE DOES HOPE TO VISIT OSLO AT A FUTURE APPROPRIATE DATE TO DELIVER THE NOBEL LECTURE.

PRESIDENT NIXON AND T E ENTIRE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE DEEPLY HONORED BY YOUR CHOICE OF ONE OF OUR MOST DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS TO RECEIVE THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZ . *HILE THE DILIGENT SEARCH FOR PEACE REQUIRES NO REWARD BEYOND THE SATISFACTION OF SUCCESS ITSELF, THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE REPRESENTS THE HIGHEST HONOR POSSIBLE FOR THOSE WHO DEDICATE THEIR LIVES TO PEACE. FOR THIS REASON, THE PRIZE IS TREASURED NOT ONLY BY THE RECIPIENT, BUT ALSO BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY WHO FIND THAT A FELLOW CITIZEN HAS BEEN SO HONORED.

IT WAS WITH DEEP PRIDE THAT THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA RECEIVED THE NEWS OF THIS YEAR'S NOBEL PEACE PRIZE, AND SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED OF DR. KISSINGER'S DECISION ON THE DISPOSITION OF THE GENEROUS AWARD.

IN HIS AWARENESS THAT THE GRIM EFFECTS OF WAR TRAGICALLY PASS FROM ONE GENERATION TO ANOTHER, DR. KISSINGER HAS ESTABLISHED A SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR THE CHILDREN OF AMERICAN SERVICE-MEN KILLED OR MISSING IN ACTION IN INDOCHINA. YOUNG PEOPLE--WHO FACE THE TRAGEDY OF AN UNCERTAIN, FATHERLESS FUTURE--WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CARRY ON THEIR STUDIES THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF ALFRED NOBEL. LET US HOPE HERE TONIGHT THAT THESE YOUNG AMERICANS, AS THEY GROW MATURE, W*LL GAIN*STRENGTH FROM THE SPIRIT OF ALFRED NOBEL TO PURSUE THEIR STUDIES DILIGENTLY AND MAKE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL MEN.

YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY, WITH THEIR IDEALISM AND ENERGY, MUST PREPARE THEMSELVES TO CARRY ON, IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER, THE DEMANDING TASKS NOW BEING MET SO EFFECTIVELY BY MEN LIKE HENRY KISSINGER. NOT ONLY MUST OUR YOUTH BE READY TO ADDRESS THEM-CONFIDENTIAL

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SELVES SERIOUSLY TO THE WORLD'S POLITICAL PROBLEMS, BUT THEY MUST BE WILLING AND PREPARED TO WORK TIRELESSLY FOR AN END TO POVERTY AND ECONOMIC INJUSTICE. FROM OUR YOUTH MUST COME VISIONARIES WHO CAN DREAM THEIR DREAMS AND, IN THE MANNER OF DR. KISSINGER, USE THE EXISTING INSTITUTIONS OR DEVISE NEW, MORE EFFECTIVE ONES, TO TURN THESE DREAMS INTO REALITIES.

PERHAPS THE OLDEST SIGN OF PEACE AMONG PEOPLES IS THE ACT OF SHARING FOOD AROUND A COMMON TABLE, JUST AS WE ARE DOING THIS

EVENING. IT IS MY HOPE, AND THE HOPE OF MY COUNTRY, THAT THIS
PEACE WHICH WE ARE SYMBOLIZING HERE TONIGHT WILL PREVAIL THROUGH-
OUT THE WORLD. BUT IF THIS EVER IS TO HAPPEN, WE MUST HAVE MORE
MEN AND WOMEN WILLING TO FOLLOW ALFRED NOBEL'S PRECEPTS AND
STRIVE FOR FRATERNITY AMONG NATIONS, SEEK THE ABOLITION OR
REDUCTION OF STANDING ARMIES, AND WORK TO BRING PEOPLE TO THE
TABLES OF PEACE. TO THESE NUMBERS, WE NOW SEE ADDED THE NAME
OF HENRY KISSINGER. THROUGH HIS UNFLAGGING EFFORTS, THAT DAY
WHEN WE CAN ALL SHARE TOGETHER THE WORLD'S BEAUTY AND ABUNDANCE
IN PEACE HAS BEEN BROUGHT CLOSER.

IN THIS SPIRIT--THE SPIRIT OF ALFRED NOBEL--I ASK YOU
TO RAISE YOUR GLASSES IN A TOAST TO PEACE ON OUR EARTH.

END TEXT. BYRNE

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